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went on to claim—in his defense—that scientists “don’t know....They just don’t know.”

So, presumably, those scientists do not belong to the “consensus.” Yet their research is forced to ignore the truly inconvenient facts. To take the issue of rising sea levels, these include: that the Arctic was as warm or warmer in 1940; that icebergs have been known since time immemorial; that the evidence so far suggests that the Greenland ice sheet is actually growing on average. A likely result of all this is increased pressure pushing ice off the coastal perimeter of that country, which is depicted so ominously in Mr. Gore’s movie.

By Terry Davis

At about 10 in the morning on Sunday August 15, 1994, a small plane landed at Villacoublay military airport outside Paris. On board was a team of agents from the *Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire*, or DST—broadly speaking, the French equivalent to the CIA. Their handcuffed and hooded prisoner had been captured only hours before in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum. His name was Illich Sanchez Ramirez, better known as Carlos the Jackal, self-styled revolutionary, terrorist and murderer.

Two years later, the *European Commission on Human Rights*, a predecessor of the *European Court of Human Rights*, rejected his complaint and ruled that the circumstances of his arrest and transfer to France did not violate the *European Convention on Human Rights*.

This ruling by a Council of Europe body has been repeatedly used by the highest officials in the U.S. State Department to

‘In Europe, we reject the bogus choice between our security and our freedom.’

try to prove that so-called extraordinary renditions are justified and lawful under European human rights law.

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in the case of *Sanchez Ramirez v. France* is only seven pages long and can be read in a couple of minutes. It is available on the Council of Europe’s Web site.

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guistic difficulties.

Carlos and so-called extraordinary renditions of al Qaeda terrorist suspects are a few basic and very important details.

Carlos did not disappear, nor did he end up in some Caribbean gulag. He was taken to Paris and brought before a judge.

unlike the public and even scientists—especially those outside the area of climate dynamics. Secondly, given that the question of human attribution largely cannot be resolved, its use in promoting visions of disaster constitutes nothing so much as a bait-and-switch scam. That is an inauspicious beginning to what Mr. Gore claims is not a political issue but a “moral” crusade.

Lastly, there is a clear attempt to establish truth not by scientific methods but by political means. An earlier attempt at establishing truth by tragedy. Perhaps this time around we may be lucky.

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tional law, which was drafted in difficult and uncertain times and has been tested in the Convention balances the rights of individuals of the larger community. Robust, effective and threats faced by society. In Europe, choice between our security and our freedom.

After his arrest, Illich Ramirez Sanchez was sentenced to life in prison. He may be an angel, but he is not a martyr. He has complained through the courts. He has set out to destroy the system. Carlos has atoned for his crimes. It is important is that he has deprived of the opportunity to commit new crimes or alternatively inspire other people to follow his example.

There is a message in all that. A really effective fight against terrorism is one which stops more terrorists than it helps to recruit.

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